

HOUSE RESOLUTION 5  
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Jay Jiles for  
meritorious service in the United States Army.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army and other branches of the military; and

WHEREAS, one such brave and dedicated Tennessean is Mr. Jay Jiles who served with courage and gallantry during World War II and deserves proper recognition for his heroism in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jay Jiles served with great bravery and ability in the United States Army from June 1941, to September 1945; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jay Jiles performed his duties as a message dispatcher, radio operator, and ammunition bearer with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, his service can only be categorized as outstanding as evidenced by the many honors he received, including the Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific, American Defense, Philippine Liberation, and World War II Victory Medals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these exceptional service awards, Mr. Jiles earned an Army Sharpshooter Badge and a pair of Bronze Stars, which is awarded to a soldier who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army, distinguishes himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; and

WHEREAS, born on June 16, 1916, in Roane County, Mr. Jay Jiles decided to return to his birthplace after his commendable service to the United States of America to give back to his beloved hometown of Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, devoted to family and community values of the utmost merit, Mr. Jiles continued his commitment to the betterment of society by working for the City of Rockwood, which he served for a meritorious thirteen years before being severely injured and disabled; and

WHEREAS, when asked what he is most proud of, Mr. Jay Jiles states that being a devoted Christian who has faithfully served as a Deacon for Hopewell and Mountain View Baptist Church is what he finds most rewarding and gratifying; and

WHEREAS, when the freedom of this State, our Nation, and the world was threatened by foreign aggression during World War II, Mr. Jiles joined the many men and women of the Greatest Generation who left their normal lives behind to oppose tyranny, defend liberty, and ensure equal opportunity for their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jay Jiles has served his country with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for heroism both in the United States Army and in society today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Mr. Jay Jiles of Roane County for his meritorious service in the United States Army and for serving as an embodiment of the values that are held dear by all Tennesseans. We join with his family, friends, community, and church in offering our thanks for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate Mr. Jiles upon being recently honored by the Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.